

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and the MacArthur PTA will sponsor events on June 6 through 8, to mark the anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, MacArthur School was originally intended to be a temporary building to educate children of World War II defense workers who lived in Chinquapin Village and Cameron Valley (now Chinquapin Park and Quaker Hill); and

**WHEREAS**, construction began on the "Chinquapin School" in 1942, and when completed in 1943, it housed eight classrooms for grades 1 through 7; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, the school was officially named Douglas MacArthur, and an addition and improvements to the original structure took place in 1949; and

**WHEREAS**, today, over 548 students from 28 countries in grades K through 5 attend MacArthur with many second-generation children attending; and

**WHEREAS**, the MacArthur PTA will hold a celebration weekend which will include a health walk by current students, a family fun day June on 7, and an open house on June 8, with many alumni participating;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate Douglas MacArthur School on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thank them for their care in educating the children of Alexandria.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2003.

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk